

KITCHENER NOW AT DE AAR

**GOES TO CAPE COLONY TO COPE WITH
THE BOER INVASION.**

and the North Almost Entirely Destroyed
-Recent Boer Successes Said to Have
Much Encouraged Ex-President Kruger

LONDON. The important news from South Africa is the arrival of Gen. Kitchener at De Aar, where, it is stated, he is taking measures to crush the Boer invasion of Cape Colony.

All the newspapers, with the exception of the *Daily Mail*, remain silent on the gravity of the situation. The *Mail* says it understands the Boer forces, relying on information it has received from Cape Town, fully confirm the bad condition of affairs.

The invaders are still receiving much assistance from the Cape Town Railway company, and the line between the north has been almost entirely severed, partly by the Boers, partly by washouts and partly by Dutch colonists, who are undoubtedly responsible for much mischief in the north. It is also stated that there is considerable fighting in military circles at Cape Town.

A despatch to the same paper from Pietermaritzburg says that the Boer Hendelboom has destroyed thirty-seven farms, sweeping off all the livestock.

confirmation, says that prior to the Boer victory at Nieuwedacht President Kruger was in a decidedly tractable mood, but he is now indisposed to make any compromise. Several Boers are reported to be getting rid of him, have hinted that he should try his fortunes in the United States.

DUTCH WELCOME THE INVASION.

Elated Over the Advance of the Boers Into Cape Colony.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

CAPETOWN, Dec. 23.—The Dutch in Cape Colony are elated over the invasion of the colony by the Boers and their progress southward. It is openly stated that all the Dutch in the Victoria district will join the Boers. There will possibly cause serious annoyance

to the British by interfering with the line of communication which are practically unguarded owing to the insufficient number of troops at the disposal of the British commanders.

It is suspected that the force which is reported to be travelling from Zoutpan's Drift is not made up of Boers, but Cape Dutchmen who are hastening to join the invaders.

RECRUITING AT DURBAN.

Various Volunteer Corps Are to Be Organized There.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

DURBAN, Natal, Dec. 24.—Recruiting is proceeding here for the various volunteer corps which it has been decided to organize in the Cape-Cairo telegraph line has now reached a point fifty miles beyond Kaasburg which is in German territory, and 100 miles

BRITISH CAVALRY ORDERED OUT.
All Available Men to Prepare for Service in South Africa.
Special Cable Dispatch to the SUN.
BELFAST, Dec. 24.—A peremptory order has been received at army headquarters here ordering all available cavalry to prepare for service in South Africa.

ANTWERP STRIKERS THREATENING.
Burgomaster Forbids More Than Five Persons to Assemble on the Streets.

ANTWERP, Dec. 24.—Owing to the attitude of the striking dock workers, the Burgomaster has forbidden outdoor assemblies of more than five persons. The strikers are increasingly hostile, and they are practically masters of the situation. Numbers of non-unionists have been imported and they are willing to work, but they are in fear of the lives.

Only three steamers in the whole port are attempting to discharge cargoes.

The outcome of the dispute is doubtful. Many believe that lack of funds and the cold weather will compel the strikers to yield.

Many Shetland Island Victims of the Recent Gale.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The recent gale that swept over Great Britain was very disastrous to the fishermen of the Shetland Islands. It is known that twenty-two of them were drowned. Many boats were lost.

CALLED TO KILL MR. BOLDT.

Crank Armed With a Corkscrew Turns Up a Search of the Waldorf and Lands in a Cell.

Charles de Lamberentre of 594 Seventeenth avenue, who said he was a humble waiter in the Waldorf, and who, after a short stay of his name, went to the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday afternoon and asked for Priori Boldt. The man said that he must see Mr. Boldt right away because he had

The clerk assured Lamberpentre that Mr. Boldt never granted personal interview to assassins until after dinner and asked him to come back in the evening. The waiter did so. He was met in the corridor by a hotel detective who bundled him into a cab and took him to the West Thirtieth street police station. The waiter's only weapon was a corkscrew. He worked for Mr. Boldt in Philadelphia about ten years ago.

Roland Reed, the actor, who was taken to St. Luke's Hospital three weeks ago for an operation for stomach trouble, was discharged yesterday and went to the home of his friend Capt. Augustus H. Rush of 361 West 122nd street. He left the same hospital on Christmas eve a year ago. Mr. Reed hopes to be strong enough to go on the stage by the end of January.

Secretary Hitchcock Not to Resign.
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 24.—Ethan Allen Hitchcock, Secretary of the Interior, arrived in the city on Saturday and will spend part of the Christmas holidays with his daughter, Mrs. John F. Shepley. When seen to-day, Secretary Hitchcock positively denied the report sent out from New York that he contemplated resigning.

Small Blaze at Rogers, Peet & Co.'s

There was a fire caused by a defective fuse last night in the boys' clothing department on the second floor of Rogers, Peet & Co.'s store at 1268 Broadway. The blaze, which was not in the main building occupied by the firm, but in a three-story structure in the middle of the block, was a small one. The damage did not exceed \$1,000.

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